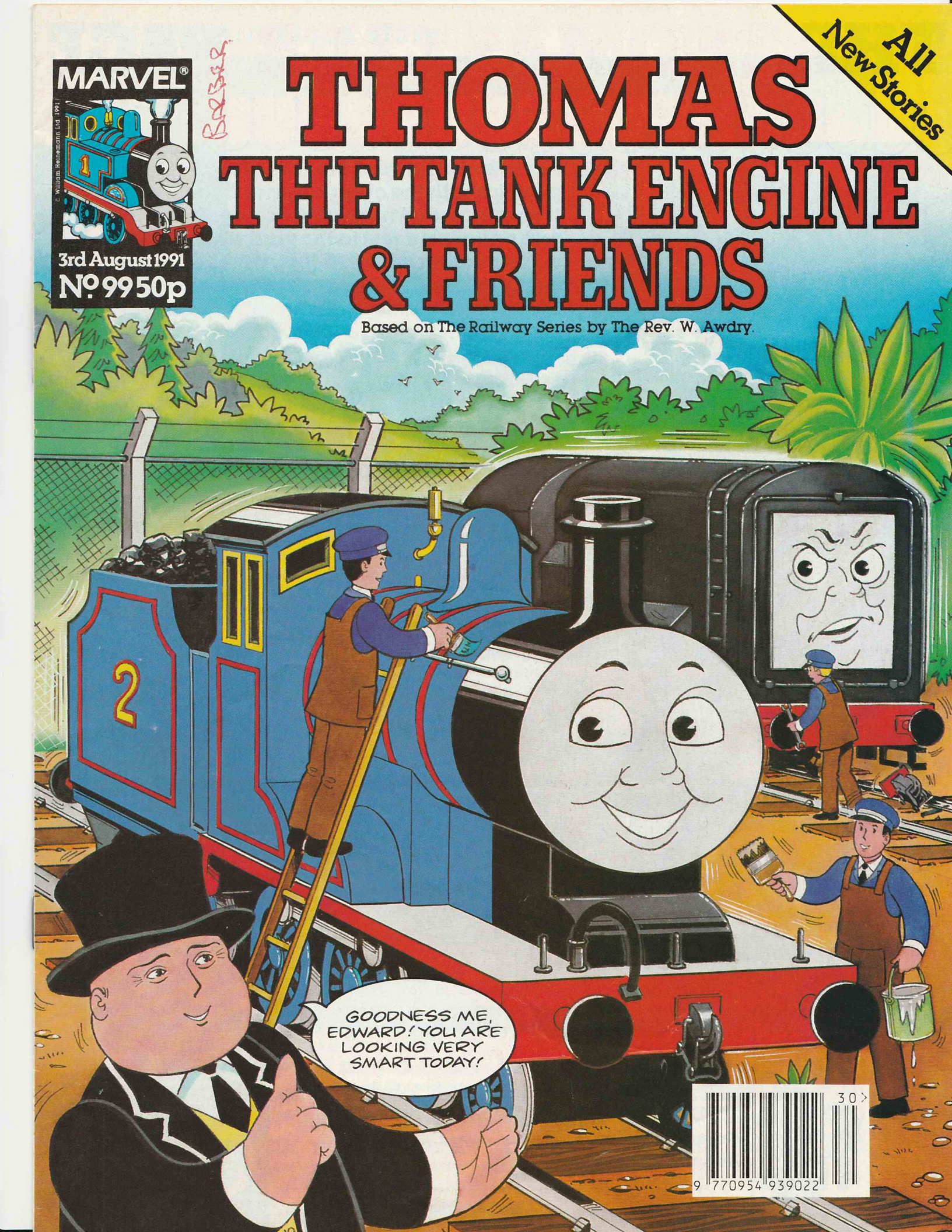
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THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! Edward the Blue Engine is very popular with the other engines because he is very kind and helpful! One day, Edward was enjoying a rest in the yard when there was a sudden crash! At first, it looked to the Fat Controller as though Edward had caused the accident himself. But surely Edward would not have been so naughty? You can find out what really happened when you read the story that begins on page 3! Peep! Peep!

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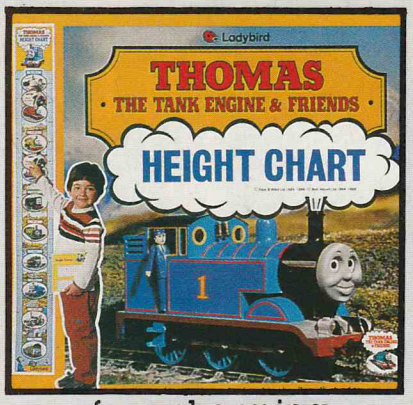

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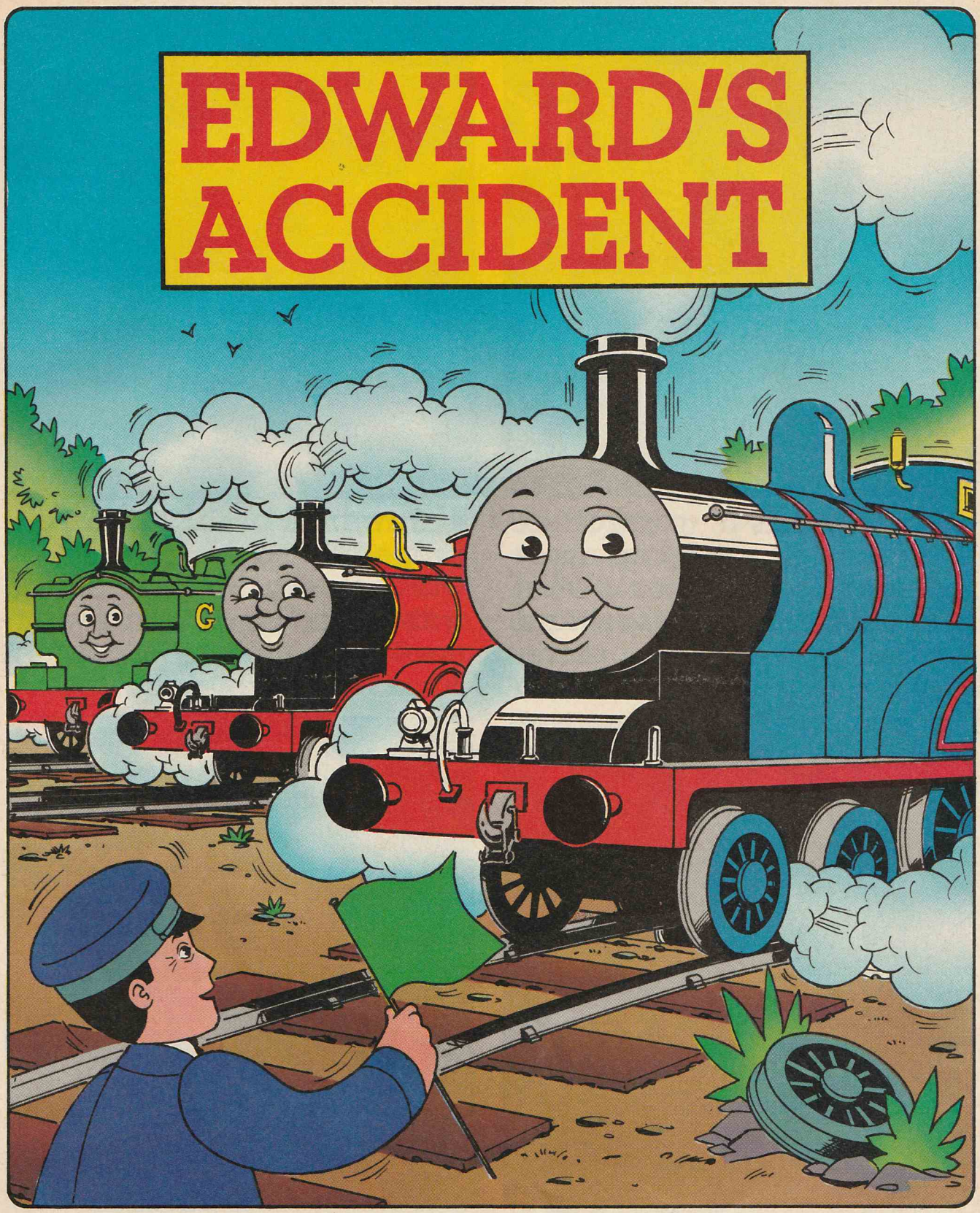
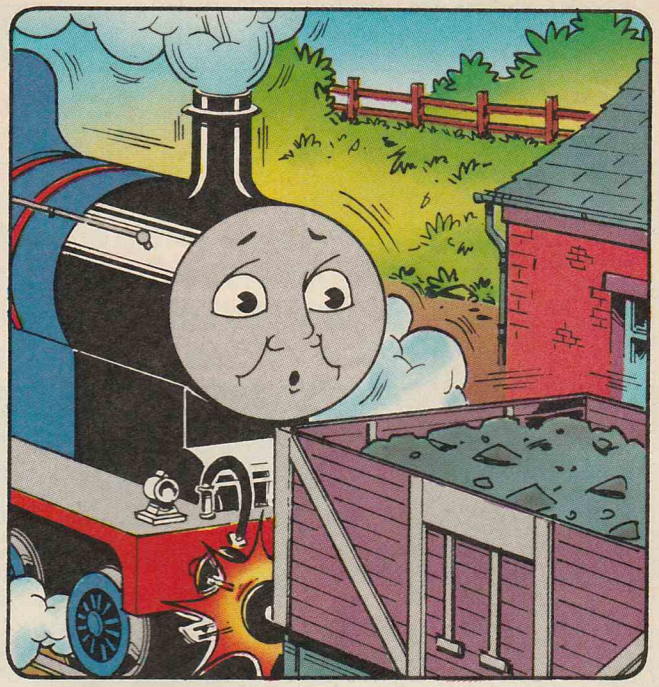


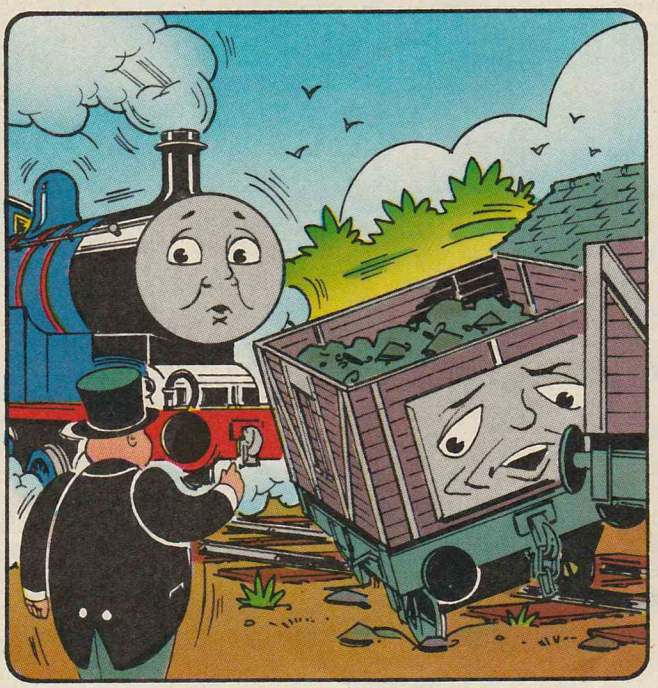
1. One sunny day Edward stood in the yard at the Main Station. He had already delivered his trucks and was waiting for his next train. He was enjoying the rest.

2. Edward watched the other engines shunting. "Peep! Peep!" they whistled, as they passed. "Hullo!" Everybody liked Edward. He was such a kind engine.

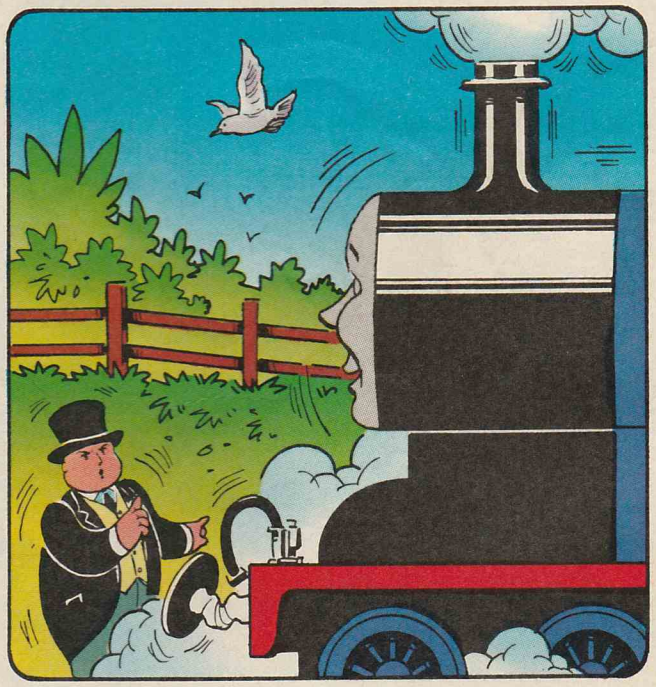
3. Then all of a sudden, Edward felt a bump from behind. He didn't know what it could be, but it was so hard that it knocked his driver right off the footplate!



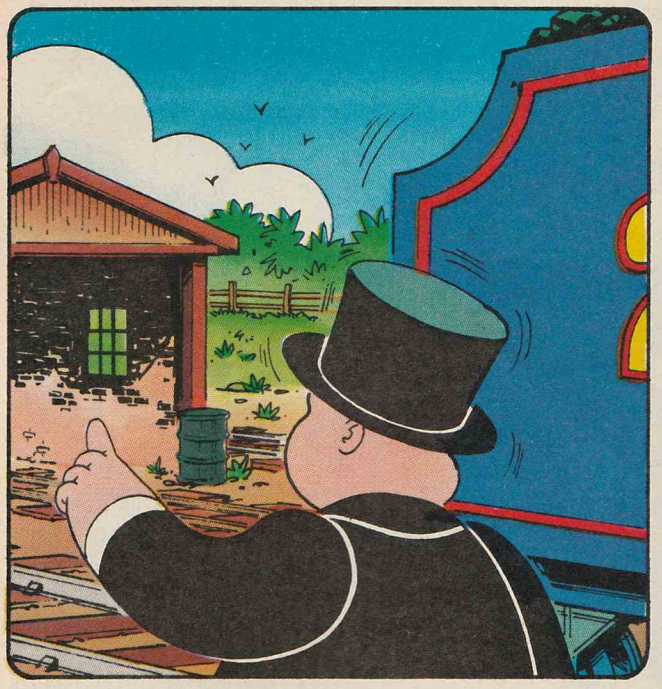
4. Edward's brake wasn't on properly and he rolled forward. He was out of control with no driver. Edward went crashing into the back of James's trucks! **Crash!**



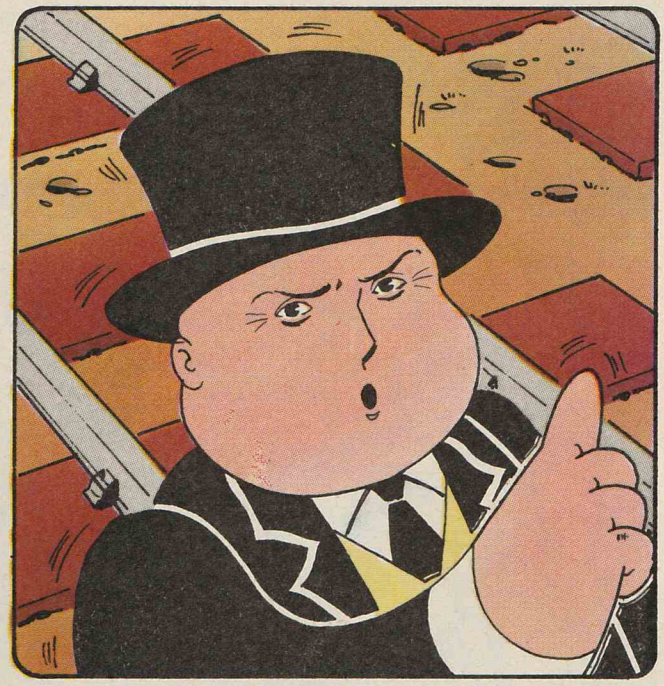
5. The Fat Controller heard the loud bang and came hurrying out of his office. The Fat Controller stood beside Edward and began to inspect the damage.



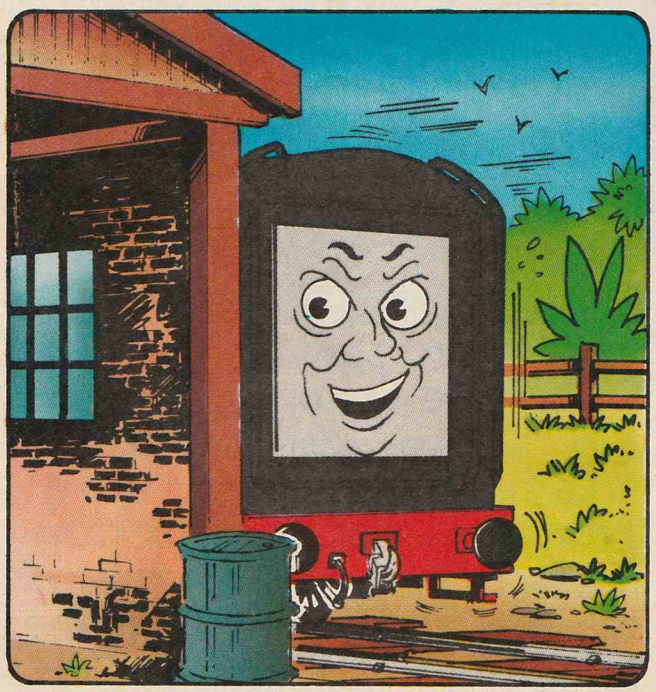
6. "Dear me, Edward," sighed the Fat Controller. "What a lot of damage. I thought you were a Really Useful Engine!" "Please, sir," pleaded Edward. "It was not my fault!"



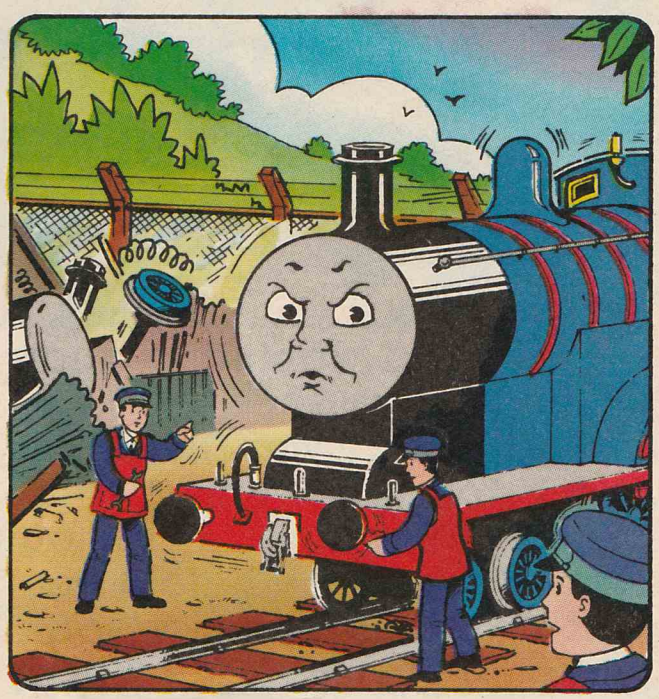
7. "I was pushed!" Edward explained. "Another engine pushed me from behind, sir." The Fat Controller looked behind Edward. There were no other engines to be seen.



8. "I can't see any other engines, Edward," said the Fat Controller. "Causing accidents is bad enough, but making up tales won't help. You're to go to the Works!"



9. Edward's driver couldn't be found, so another driver climbed into Edward's cab. As they pulled out of the yard, Edward saw Diesel lurking behind the sheds.



10. Edward didn't want to go to the Works, but his buffers were bent and needed to be mended. The engineers checked that all Edward's parts were working safely.

11. Edward wanted to know who had pushed him. He wondered if it was Diesel. The next day, who should come into the Work's yard but Diesel himself! His front couplings were in need of repair. Edward wondered how they had become damaged! The chief engineer telephoned the Fat Controller to ask if he could come to the Works.

12. Edward saw the Fat Controller and the engineer talking. "I have discovered that Diesel bumped you, Edward," said the Fat Controller. "Your driver twisted his ankle as he fell off the foot plate." Then the Fat Controller turned to Diesel. "You must stay at the works all week to keep out of mischief!" he said.

In our next issue: Windy weather!

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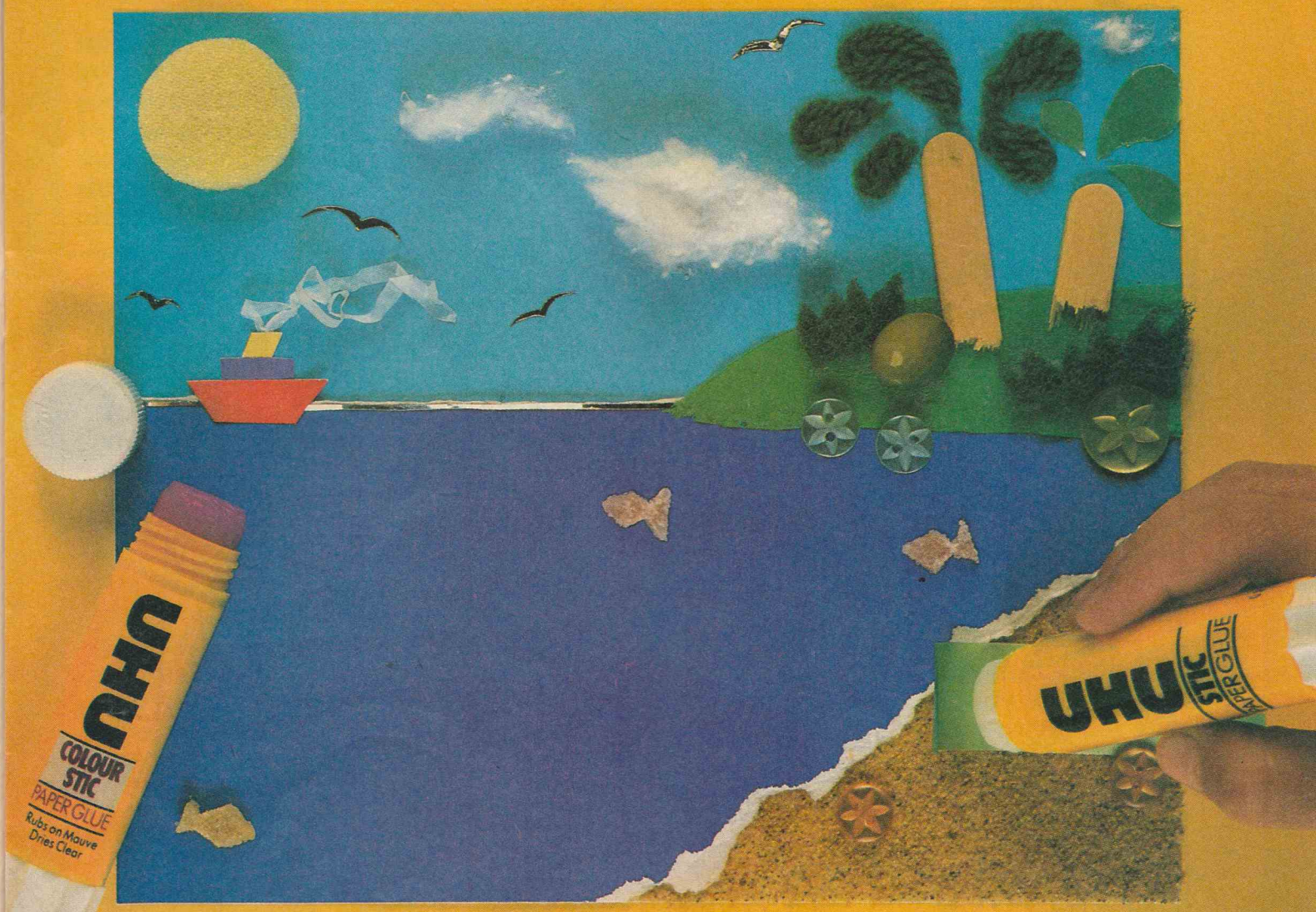

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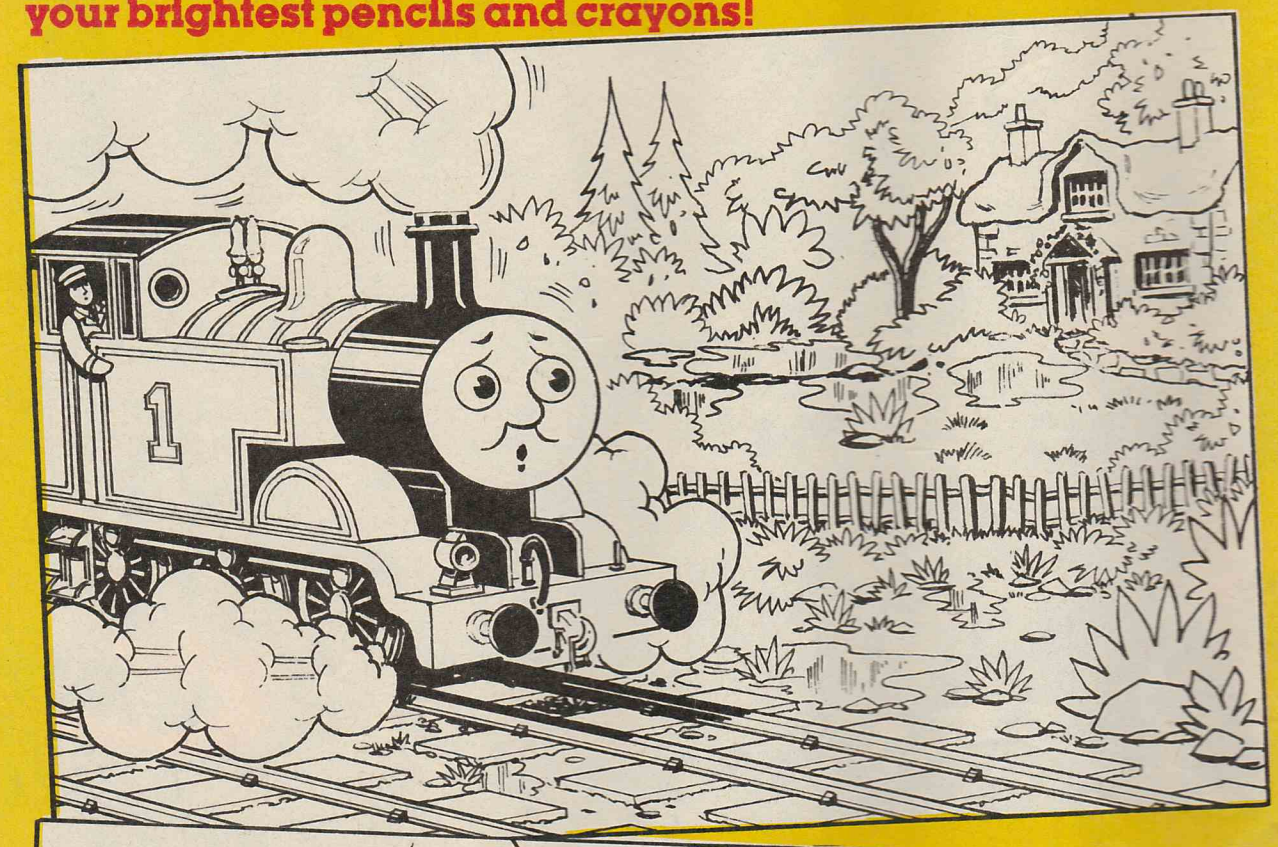

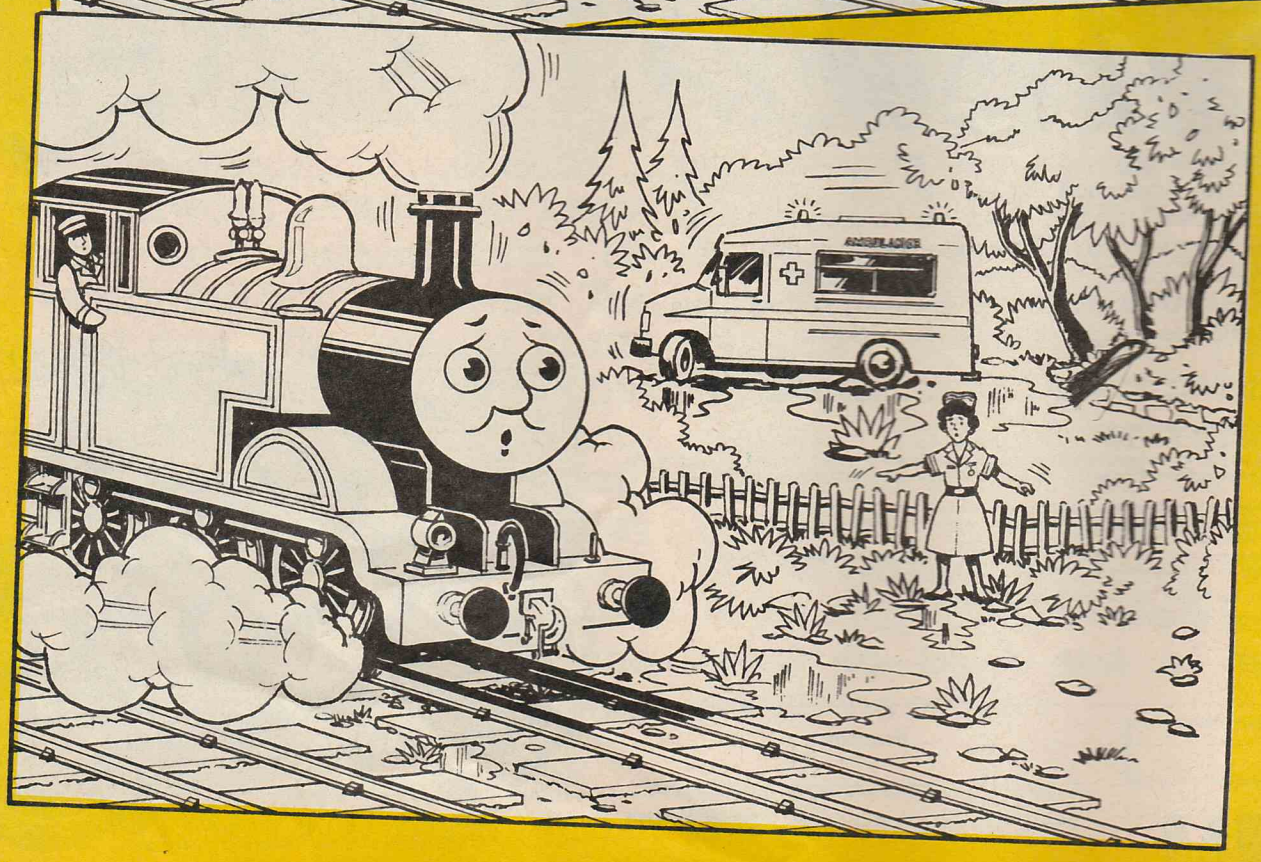

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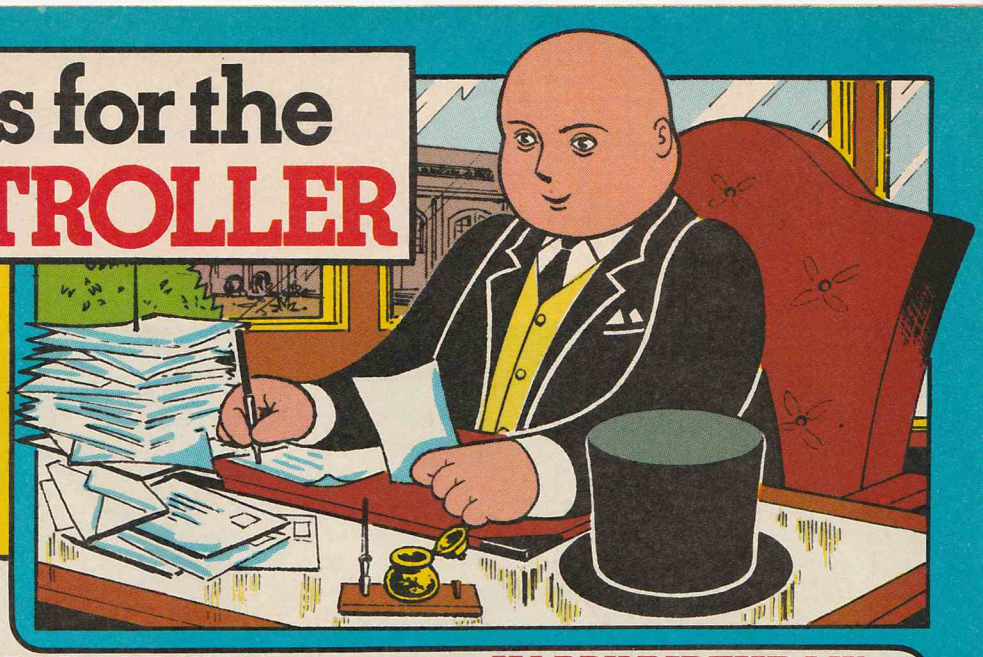

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I watched a Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends video with my mummy and Percy got covered in treacle! Now, when I'm a naughty boy, Mummy says she will give me the 'treacle treatment'! Do you think mummies should be allowed to watch Thomas videos?

Love from **Ben Plummer.**

Goodness me! *I hope you are not too naughty in future, because, as Percy has told me, the 'treacle treatment' is no fun! I think grown-ups enjoy watching Thomas videos with their children and as long as they don't interrupt, they should be allowed to watch!*

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The sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER** will win a splendid remote control **Thomas the Tank Engine** from *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

FAVOURITE ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
I would like to know which is your favourite engine? My favourite engine is Thomas because he is cheeky and fussy and he has his own branch line!

Love from **Robert Lowdon,** aged 4.

Upon my soul! *Thomas is a very useful engine on the Island of Sodor but all of my engines are very special to me in different ways!*

GREAT ENGINES!

My great nana is aged 89! She lives in a railway cottage next to the railway line! She tells me many stories about great steam engines that used to pass her cottage every day on their way to Portsmouth!

Love from **Elliot,** aged 3.

Gracious me! *Your great nana does sound as though she has many interesting stories to tell you about engines! I always enjoy talking about the many great engines that I have seen on my travels!*

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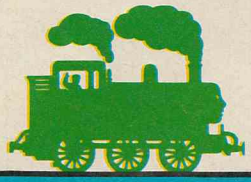
Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt

the Fat Controller.



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Which coaches is he pulling?

How many people are on the platform?

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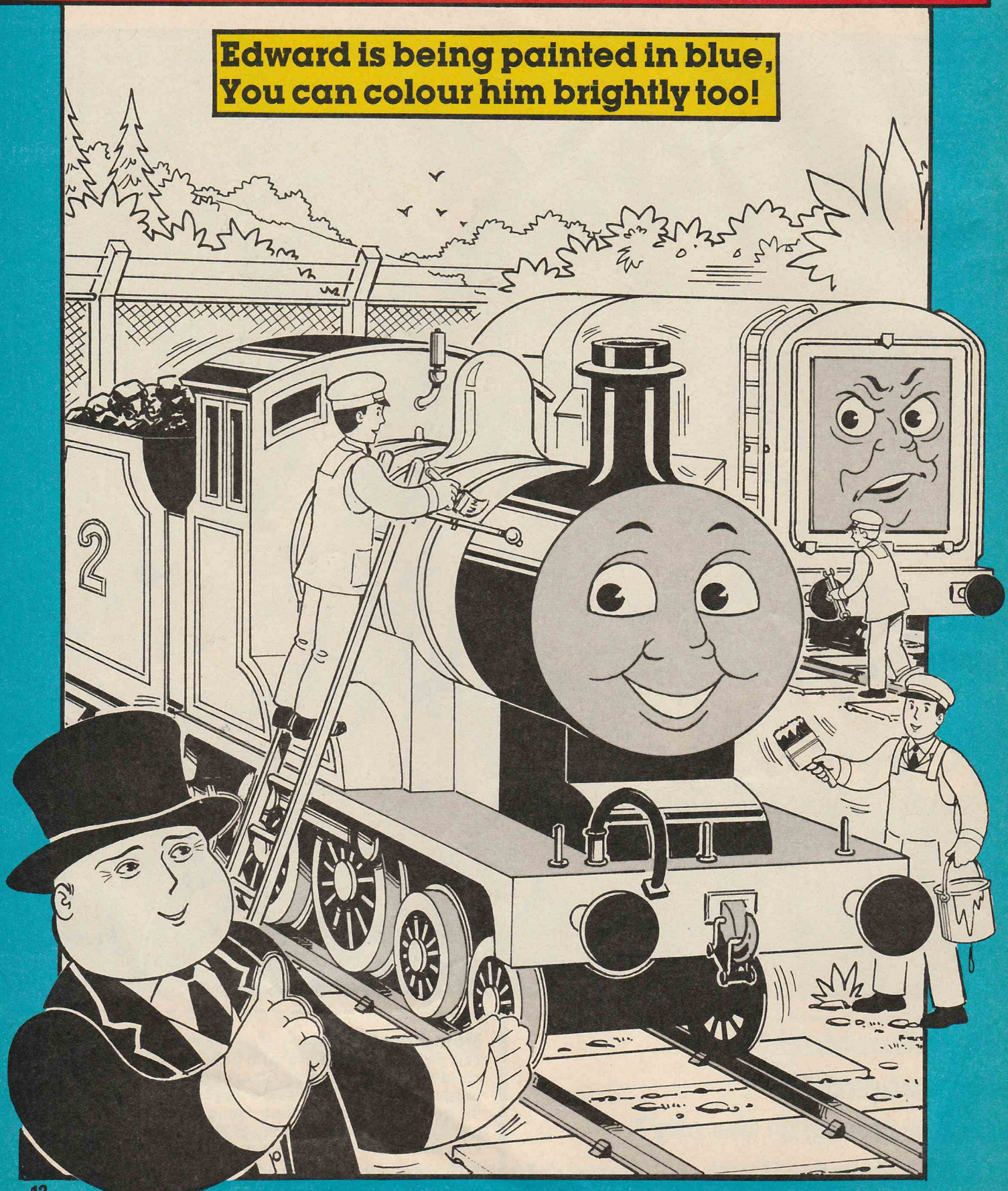
Next issue: Party time!

COLOURING TIME!

**Edward is being painted in blue,
You can colour him brightly too!**



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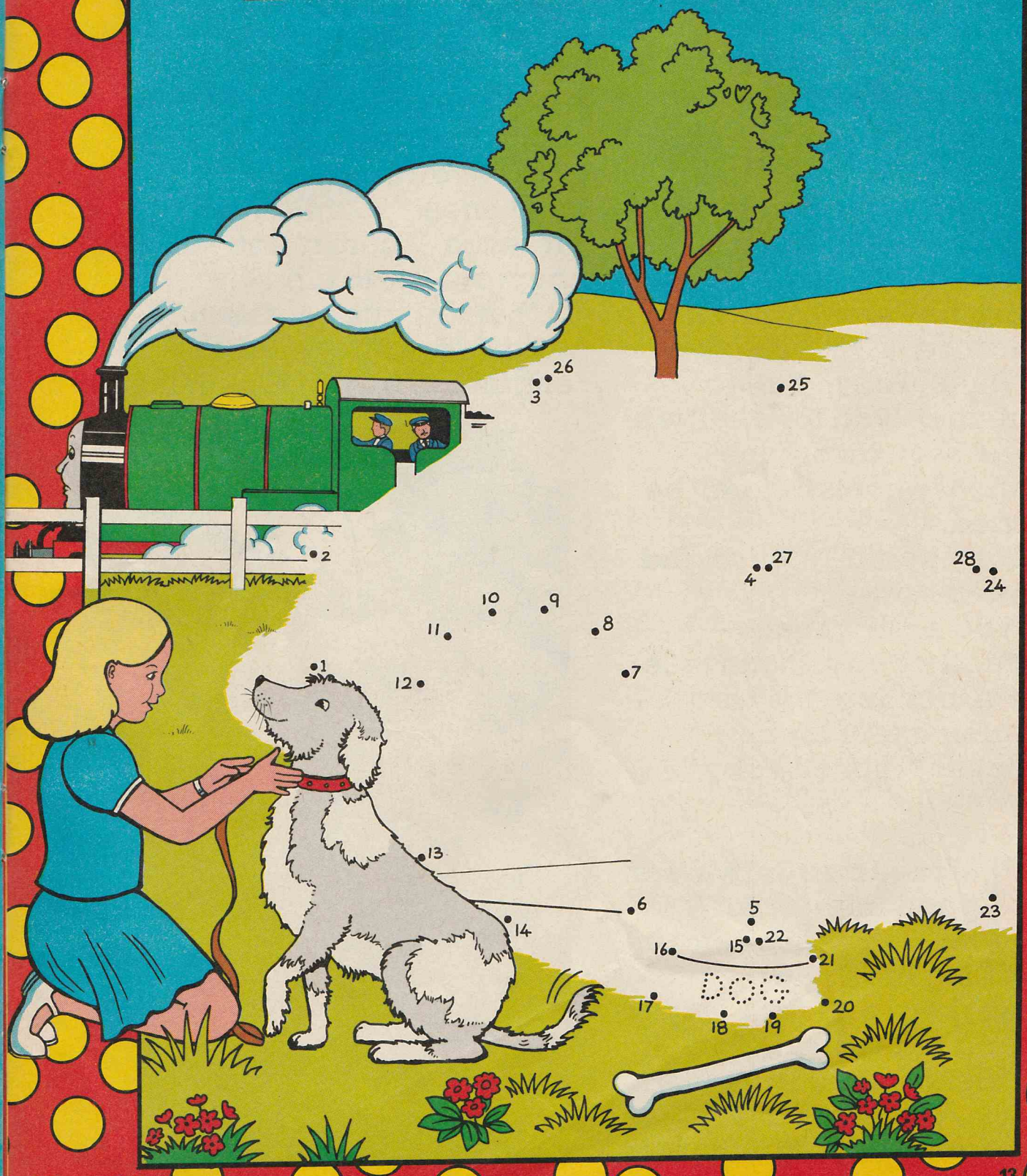
Why is Percy puffing past?
Join the dots and find out fast!



A read-aloud story!

Terence takes the Train

It was a bright, sunny day on the Island of Sodor. Terence the Tractor was working near the quarry.

He was pleased to see Toby the Tram Engine in the distance.

"Hullo, Toby," called Terence. "Wait for me, I've never seen an engine without wheels before," he teased.

Toby heard Terence and slowed down.

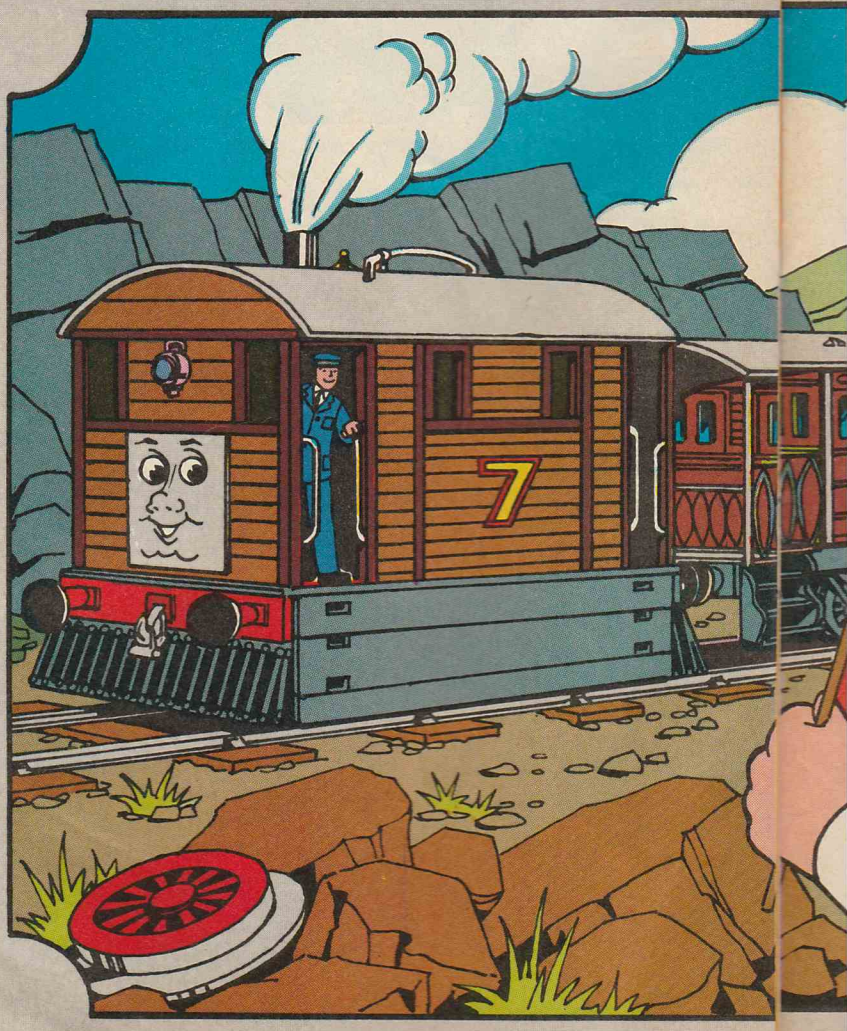
"I do have wheels actually. You just can't see them, because they are hidden under my cow catches," replied Toby.

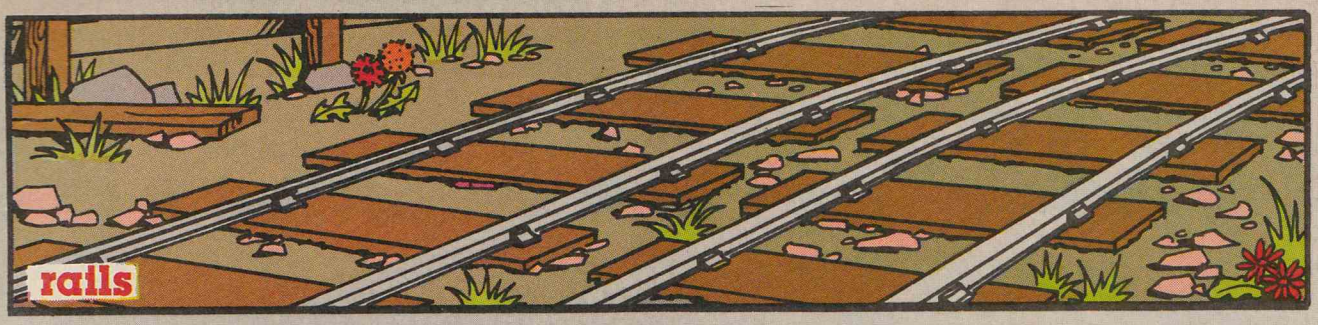
Terence and Toby were good friends. Toby liked to watch Terence pushing the earth up into great heaps. He was very strong indeed!

Terence liked Toby too, but he didn't always understand the importance of the railway.

"The railway is a nuisance!" complained Terence. "There are so many bumpy rails to cross over!"

"But rails are very useful," said Toby. "They enable engines to travel all over the





Island of Sodor!"

But Terence wouldn't listen. The rails weren't much use to him. He had caterpiller treads!

Terence's work at the quarry was almost finished.

"I have run out of work now," Terence told Toby.

"Isn't there any work to do on the other side of the island?" asked Toby.

"Yes," replied Terence. "But my driver said it is too far for me to travel today, it would take me a long while getting right across the island. I shall have to start tomorrow!"

Toby listened thoughtfully.

"My caterpillers may be strong," sighed Terence. "But they are not very quick!"

Then Toby had an idea. He asked his Stationmaster if he could pull Terence across to the other side of the island on a flat truck. The Stationmaster agreed.

Terence was carefully loaded onto the flat truck behind Toby and Henrietta.

"Now I shall show you how useful these rails really are!" said Toby excitedly, and off he went. It didn't take him long to cross the island and Terence arrived in time to start work.

Terence agreed that rails could be useful after all!

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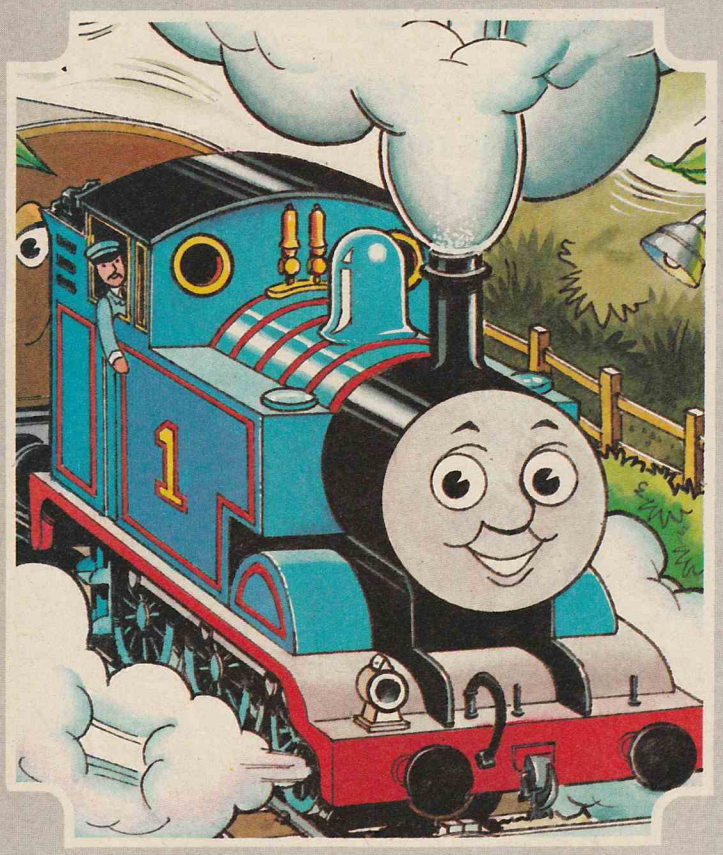

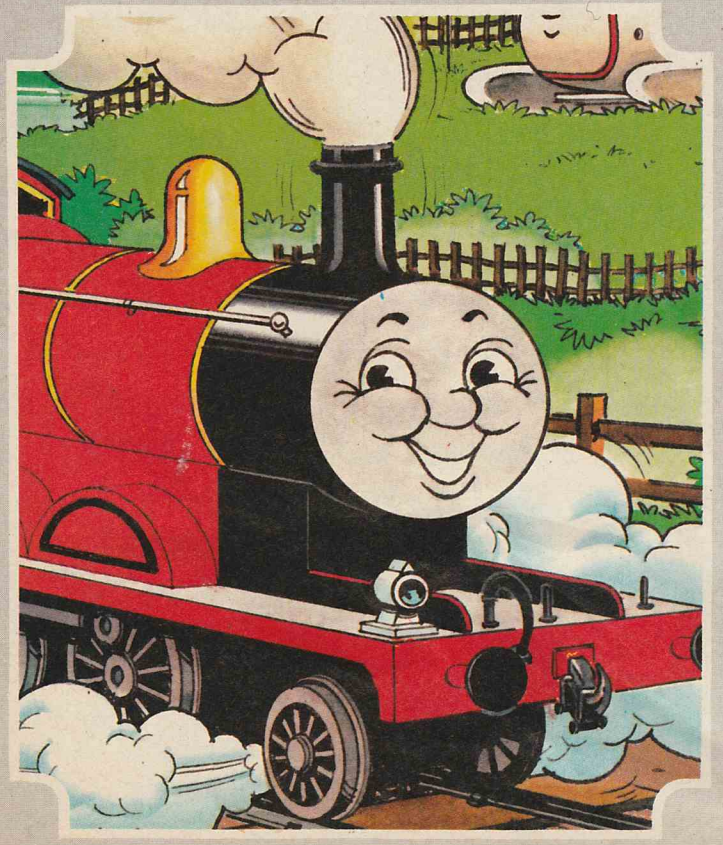

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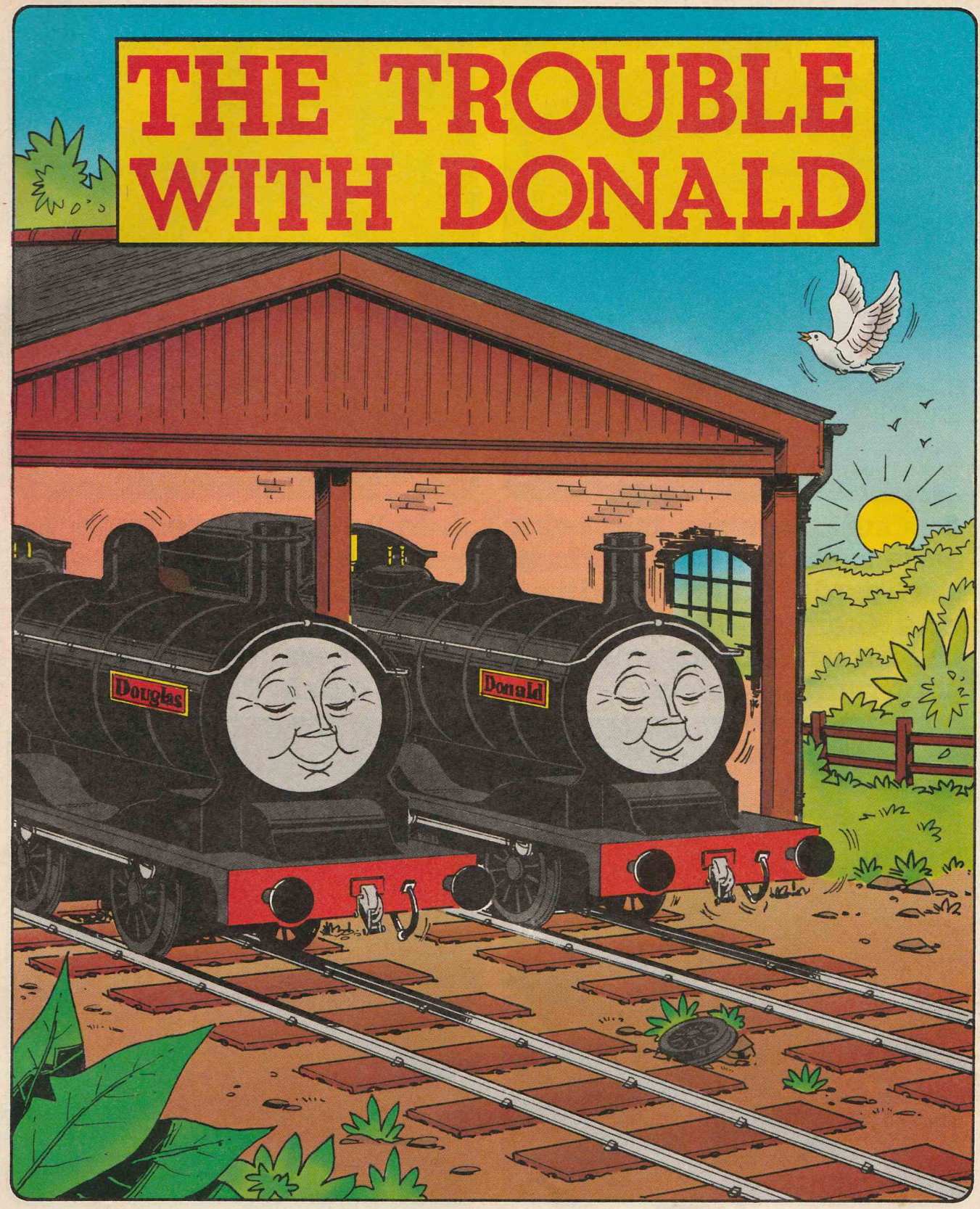
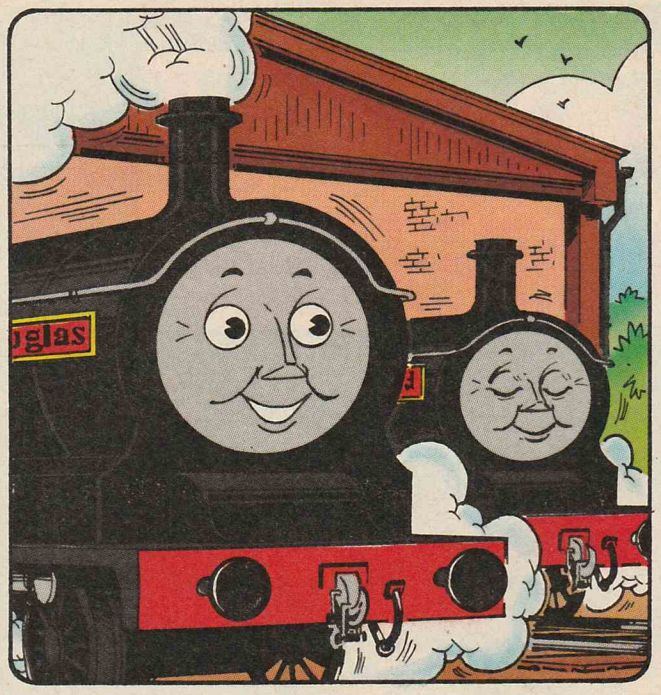
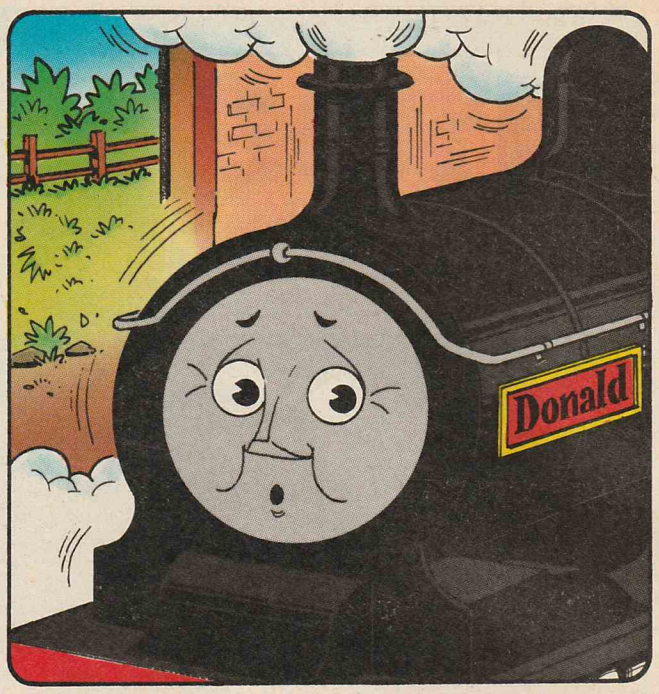


1. Donald and Douglas are Scottish twin engines. When the Fat Controller originally ordered one goods engine, he was surprised when the Scottish twins arrived.

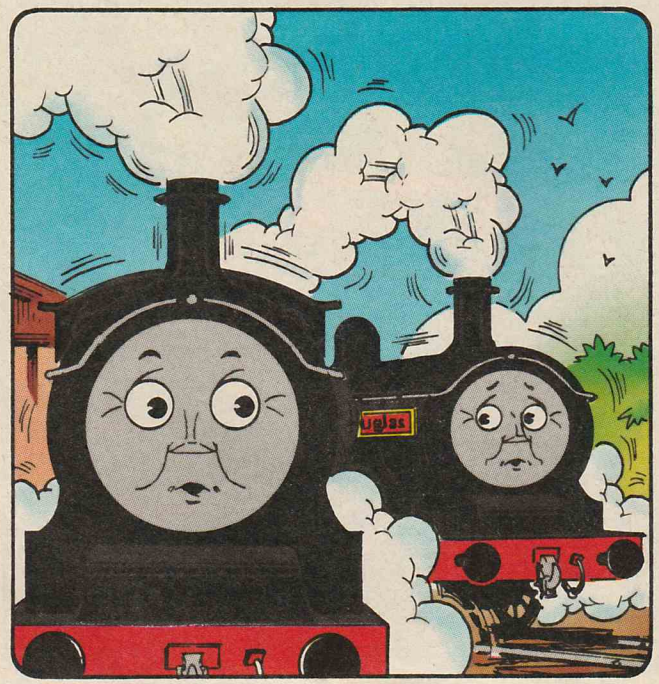
2. The Fat Controller decided to watch the twins work so he could decide which engine to keep. But the twins worked as hard as each other so they both stayed.



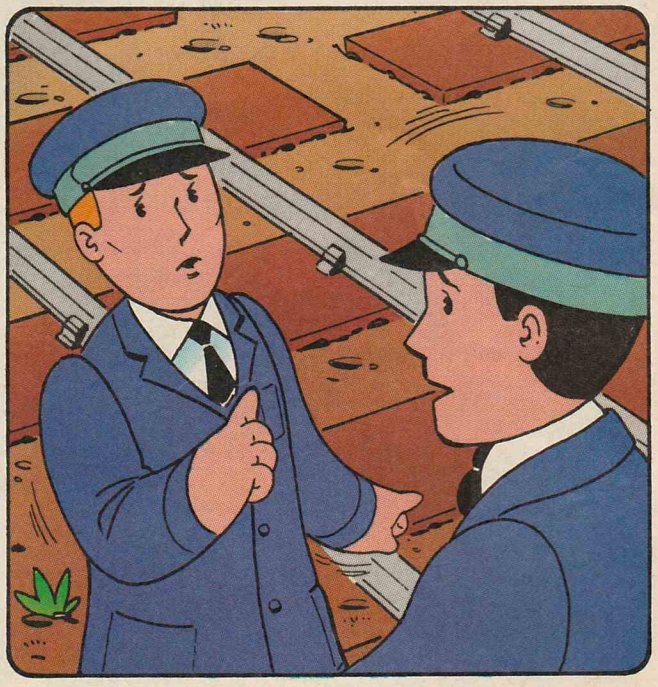
3. One morning the twins were to shunt goods trucks in the yard. Douglas's driver and fireman arrived at the shed and Douglas's fire was soon burning nicely.



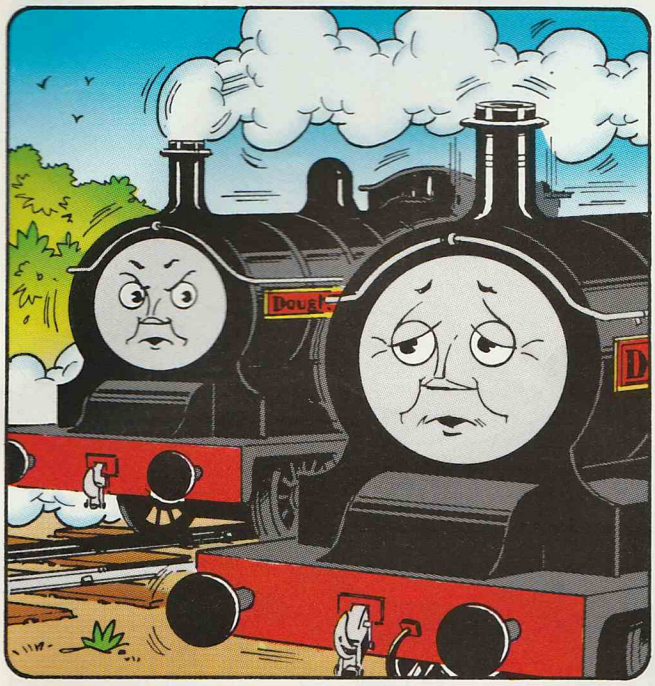
4. As Douglas puffed into the yard he saw Donald's fireman going into the shed. But as Donald came out of the shed, there was a terrible noise! **Clank! Clank! Clank!**



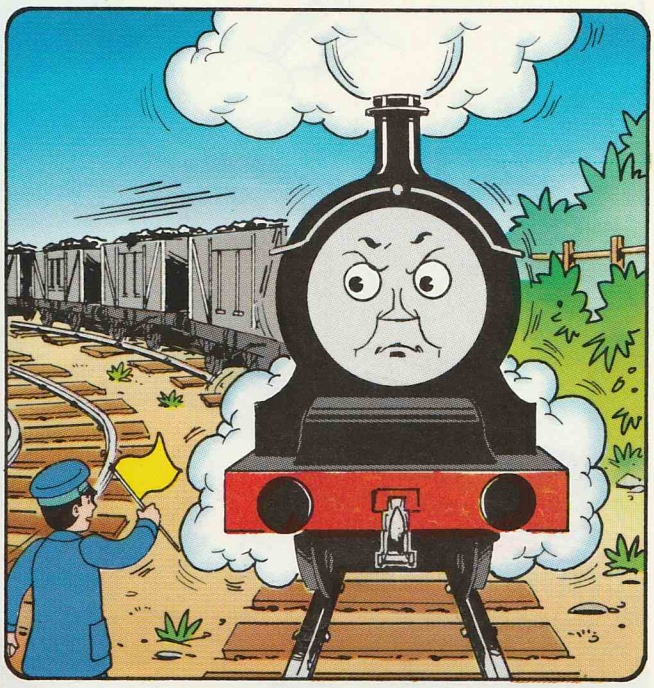
5. "Och, what's that horrible noise ye're a making?" asked Douglas. "I dinnae know," replied Donald. "But I'm not feeling too well either, and with that awful sound . . ."



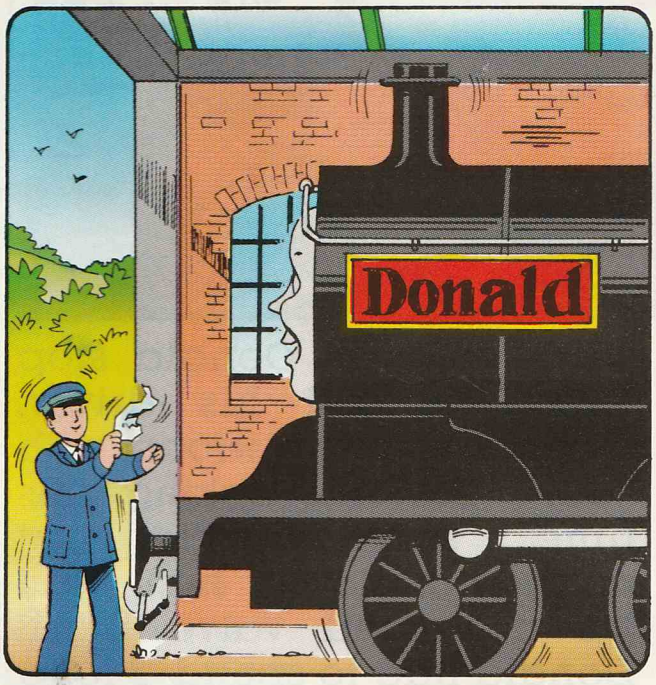
6. "He doesn't sound right," said Donald's driver. "I think his firebox is damaged," said his fireman. "Ye're right", sighed Donald. "I should stay in my shed."



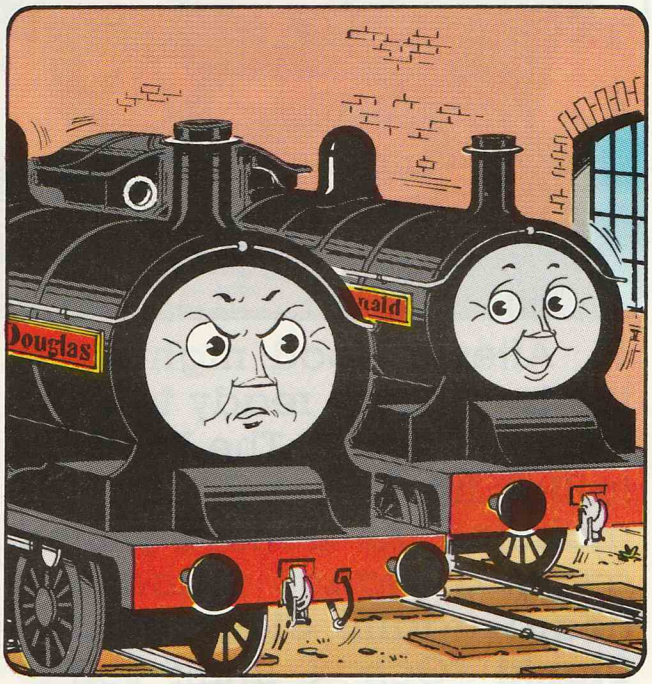
7. "What nonsense," puffed Douglas. "He's as fit as a fiddler! Ye're nothing but an old faker, Donald! Come do a day's work." But Donald's driver was not so sure.



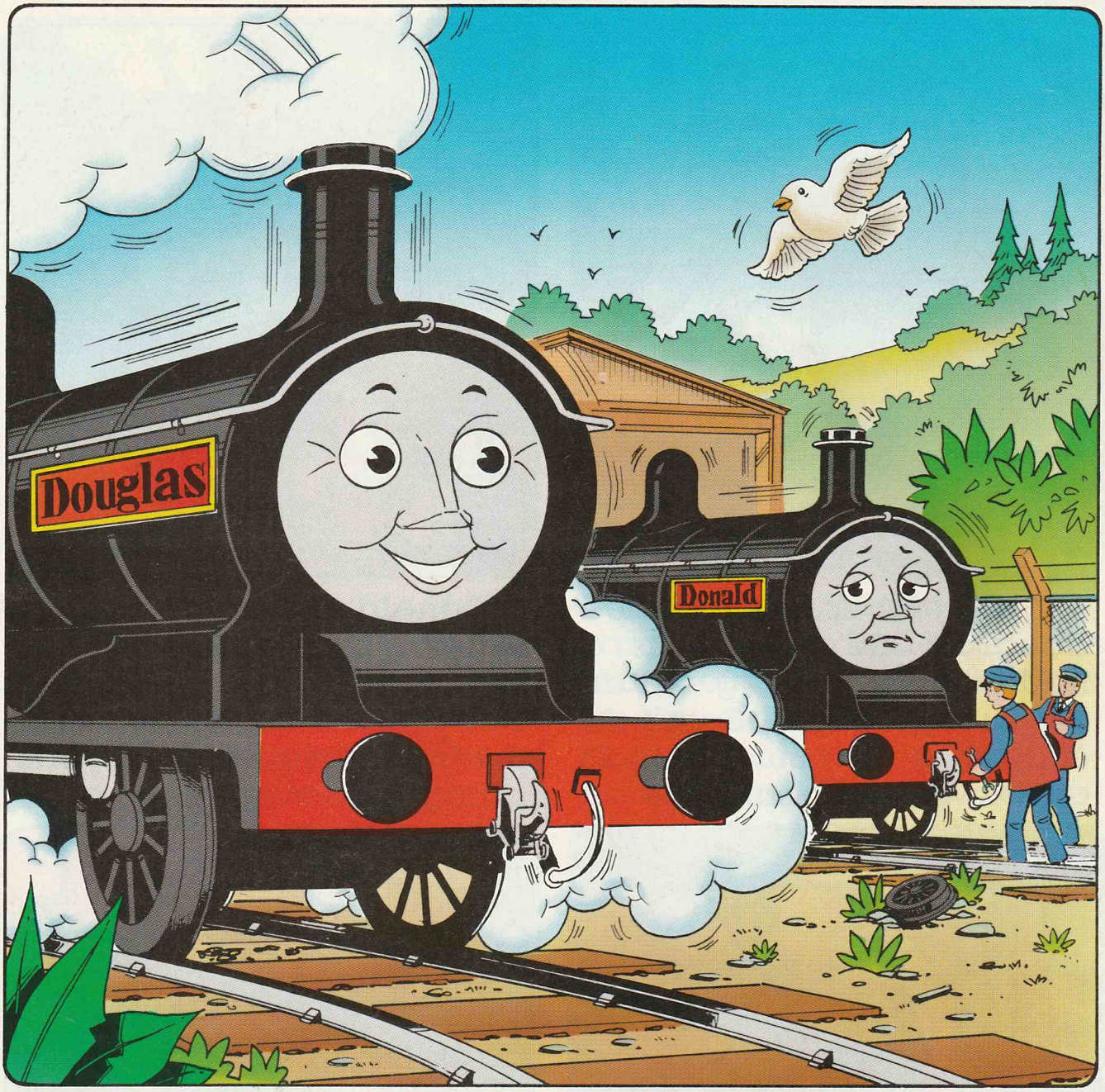
8. Donald's fireman was worried too! So poor Donald was returned to his shed and Douglas was left to move all the trucks by himself. He was going to be busy.



9. It was not until later that Donald's fireman found an old piece of metal caught under Donald's buffer. "So this made the noise. You old faker!" he laughed.



10. Donald looked bashful. "But I did nae feel any metal on my wheels," he told Douglas. "Well, ye can go out by yourself, tomorrow!" Douglas grumbled. "I'm too tired!"



11. After a good night's rest the twins were ready to work together again. The Fat Controller needed help on the mainline. As Donald pulled away, a strange sound was heard again. **Clank! Clank! Clank!** "Och, I think something is wrong!" said Donald. "I dinnae sound right!" Douglas didn't agree. "Dinnae listen to him!" he said.

12. "Come on Donald stop teasing," said his driver. "There's nothing wrong with you!" "I'm nae faking this time," said Donald, but nobody believed him until his damaged valve burst! Donald had to spend a long time at the Works. "If ye did nae tease so much, we'd all believe you," laughed Douglas.

THE END

In our next issue: Gordon forgets!